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SUBJECT: THE NEUTRALS AND THE IEP

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1. AS WE HAVE REPORTED IN SEVERAL CABLES (NOTAL)
RELATING TO CHANCELLOR KREISKY'S CURRENT VISIT IN
WASHINGTON, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO
HAVE NEUTRALS BECOME MEMBERS OF IEP. WE SUPPORT VIEWS
EXPRESSED BY EMBASSIES STOCKHOLM AND BERN, PARTICU-
LARLY BERN'S OBSERVATION THAT PARTICIPATION OF
NEUTRALS WOULD HELP DIFFUSE ARGUMENT THAT IEP WILL
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BE USED AS TOOL FOR CONFRONTATION WITH OIL PRODUCERS.

2. SEMANTICS OF NEUTRALITY DECLARATIONS LESS IMPORTANT
THAN COUNTRIES' INTENTIONS IN ASSUMING MEMBERSHIP OBLIGA-
TIONS. IN OUR VIEW AUSTRIA INTENDS TO MEET THESE
OBLIGATIONS BUT JUST AS SWEDEN AND SWITZERLAND, MUST
SQUARE PARTICIPATION WITH NEUTRALITY POLICY. IT THUS
SEEMS TO US THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A FLEXIBLE AND SYMPATHETIC
ATTITUDE TO PROBLEM OF RECONCILING MEMBERSHIP WITH NEUTRALITY
ISSUE. ONE WAY OF DOING THIS MIGHT BE STATEMENTS BY IEP
GROUP OR NEUTRALS OR BOTH WHICH, WHATEVER
THEIR FORMAT, WOULD AFFIRM THAT NEUTRALITY DECLARATIONS
NOT DESIGNED TO WATER DOWN OR LIMIT IN ANY WAY FULL
OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERSHIP. MOWINCKEL

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